

Biotechnology in the framework of Europe's agri-food future

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Agriculture and food production in Europe is in the political spotlight following the outcome from the European Commission Strategic dialogue on the future of agriculture. EuropaBio was proud to represent biotechnology as a critical technology across all aspects of agriculture and food production. Biotech, through technologies such as precision fermentation, already plays a significant role in ensuring healthy animals, reduced inputs and emissions on farms and building resilient European supply chains for food.

The report highlights the immense complexity and need for all stakeholders to be engaged if the EU is to successfully achieve sustainably produced, affordable and healthy food for citizens. Competitive global trade is vital for resilience of supply, and farming is a central pillar of European life and culture.

The outcome helps to create a template for how biotechnology plays a role across the EU's agri-food future. EuropaBio calls for an agri-food vision that integrates all the EU's many strengths and is ambitious for our food supply, competitiveness and sustainable future.

Dr Claire Skentelbery, Director General of EuropaBio commented *"This was an intensive process, across a highly diverse group of stakeholders. It is a testament to the commitment of all participants that we have a report such as this to build on towards Europe's future. EuropaBio will ensure that the EU makes full use of biotech as a critical technology for secure, competitive and future-proof food supply."*

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